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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN IMPOSITION OF FEE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
ENTRY ARRANGEMENTS

REF: A. GABORONE 0719

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1. REFTEL (A) DESCRIBES LATEST PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED IN OUR LONG-
STANDING CONTROVERSY WITH SAG OVER ITS DISCRIMINATORY VISA POLICIES.
SPECIFIC PROBLEM OF TWO-RAND FEE (WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WAS
INSTITUTED TO COVER USE OF POLICE TELEX FACILITIES TO BORDER POSTS)
WAS RAISED BY DCM ON MAY 25 WITH BOTH DFA SENIOR DEPUTY SECY CAN
DALSEN AND INTERIOR DEPUTY SECY LINDEQUE. DCM STATED THAT (A)
THIS FEE APPEARED BE ANOTHER VIOLATION OF SA-US VISA AGREEMENT;
(B) LARGE NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE ENTRY REQUESTS FOR OUR PEOPLE
RESULTED IN MOST CASES FROM INEFFICIENCY OF MININTERIOR, NOT FROM
ANY LAXITY ON OUR PART; (C) IT UNFAIR TO PENALIZE OUR AMCITS
FOR ABUSES OF OTHERS; AND (D) INTRODUCTION OF FEE APPEARED BE
REGRESSIVE STEP, WHICH PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE SINCE WE WERE
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STILL AWAITING RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S RECENT REQUEST FOR

RE-EXAMINATION OF SAG VISA PROCEDURES WITH VIEW TOWARD ELIMINATING
PRESENT DISCRIMINATION (REF B).
BOTH SAG OFFICIALS UNDERTOOK TO LOOK INTO QUESTION.

2. IN FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION JUNE 7, VAN DALSEN TOLD DCM THAT
DFA "GROUP" WAS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN REVIEW OF SAG VISA POLICIES
AS RESULT AMBASSADOR'S APRIL 18 DEMARCHE AND THAT HE WAS
"HOPEFUL" THAT TELEX FEE PROBLEM MIGHT SOON BE "OVERTAKEN BY
EVENTS". PRESSED ON HOW SOON WAS "SOON", VAN DALSEN WOULD NOT
COMMIT HIMSELF AND SAID IT OFTEN DIFFICULT GET THEIR TOP PEOPLE
TO FOCUS ON THIS SUBJECT. HE DID NOT RPT NOT STATE WAHT WE KNOW
TO BE THE CASE, I.E., THAT WHILE DFA OFFICIALS ARE SYMPATHETIC,
MININTERIOR OFFICIALS ARE LIKELY TO RESIST KINDS OF CHANGES WE
WISH TO SEE.

3. IN LIGHT ABOVE, WE BELIEVE GABORONE'S SUGGESTION THAT DEPT
MAY WISH RAISE WITH SA EMBASSY WASHINGTON IS GOOD ONE AND
COULD BE HELPFUL. IF THIS IS DONE, SUGGEST EMPHASIS BE PLACED
ON BROADER ISSUE OF NON-RECIPROCAL VISA TREATMENT AND RE-EXAMINATION
OF SAG POLICIES WHICH WE HAVE FORMALLY REQUESTED, RATHER THAN JUST
ON NEWLY-IMPOSED TWO-RAND FEE.
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